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Subject: RE: Draft Response to Colorado Watchdog Article

Shahid:

As far as I'm concerned, this response is rock solid and the really nice thing about it is that you're writing very little new language by pulling back in the information that we've published and that was the result of our review.

The language below is the knockout punch to those critics that dare to assert that EPA did not have a "well-engineered" and thought-out plan.

The May 2015 Action/Workplan for the Gold King Mine laid out a twenty two (22) step process for portal installation and adit rehabilitation. The work at the site on August 5, 2015 had only proceeded to step number 2 of 22(excavate loose material from the top of the high wall) when the blowout occurred.



From: Mahmud, Shahid
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I am attaching my initial draft response to the two quotes by Todd Hennis in the Colorado Watchdog article forwarded by Ed H. Have at it so I can send to Region 8 to comment. Thanks!

From: Hathaway, Ed

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 12:12 PM

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